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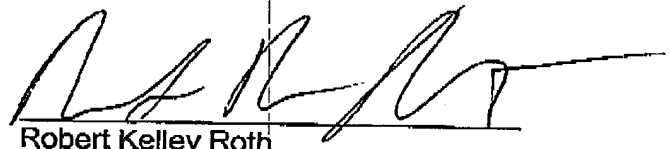
The following is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 22, 2004 in the above captioned patent application.

1. Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Examiner Jules has presented an Election of Species requirement, arguing that a pair of species are disclosed, A in Figs. 1-3 and B in Figs. 4-5, and that none of the claims are generic to both species.

Applicant respectfully traverses this election of species, but selects species A. Applicant believes that Claim 1, for example, is generic to both embodiments, and therefore respectfully requests that the election of species requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully Submitted,

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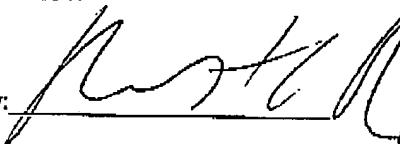


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